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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRIDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. PANAMA. WE HAVE REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE PANAMANIAN ON THE MAJOR DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR VISIT. THESE ARE THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE FOUR INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION, AND THE PROTOCOL OF EXCHANGE.

2. NAMIBIA. THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TONIGHT ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAID INTO ANGOLA. THE AFRICANS MAY REQUEST A FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, BUT THEY MAY FEEL THAT AN INFORMAL MEETING WILL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT WARNING TO SOUTH AFRICA NOT TO REPEAT THEIR RAID.

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3. NON-ALIGNED. THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAS DECIDED TO HOLD ITS POSTPONED KABUL MEETING IN HAVANA ON MAY 15-20. CUBA'S CONTROL OF THE CONDUCT OF THE MEETING WILL GIVE THE EDGE TO THE RADICAL MEMBERS. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE TEN BLACK AFRICAN STATES ON THE BUREAU (ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, CHAD, GUINEA, LIBERIA, NIGER, NIGERIA, TANZANIA, ZAIRE, ZAMBIA) AND TWO

NORTH AFRICAN STATES (ALGERIA AND SUDAN), APPARENTLY
NONE CHALLENGED THE HAVANA SITE.

4. PORTUGAL. THE PORTUGUESE CABINET APPROVED THE IMF
AGREEMENT YESTERDAY. SOARES IS ENCOURAGED BECAUSE
ASSISTANCE FUNDS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES WILL BEGIN TO
FLOW NOW THAT THE CABINET HAS ACTED. HE WILL GO ON
TELEVISION NEXT WEEK TO EXPLAIN THE STEPS HIS GOVERNMENT
WILL UNDERTAKE TO REDUCE THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT,
AS AGREED WITH THE IMF.

5. MEXICO. CY'S TALKS WITH MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY
ROEL YESTERDAY FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON WORLD ISSUES,
PARTICULARLY SALT, SSOD, ASIA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST.
ROEL AGREED THAT THE SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITS INTENTION
TO ACCEDE TO TLATELOLCO IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD
ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN LATIN AMERICA. ROEL
AGREED TO RAISE TLATELOLCO WITH THE CUBANS.

CY INFORMED ROEL OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH VENEZUELA ON
CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND OF
VENEZUELA'S PROPOSED INITIATIVE TO TRY TO BROADEN THE
SCOPE OF THE AYACUCHO DECLARATION. ROEL EXPRESSED
SYMPATHY WITH THE IDEA AND SAID HE WOULD SO INFORM THE
VENEZUELAN.

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6. SPAIN. GEORGE VEST AND I SPOKE TO SPANISH AMBASSADOR
ROVIRA TODAY TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND DISMAY THAT
SPANISH OFFICIALS IN MADRID APPARENTLY CONTRIBUTED
MALICIOUS COMMENTS TO STORIES ATTACKING TERRY TODMAN
PRINTED IN THE SPANISH PRESS AND SUMMARIZED IN THE
WASHINGTON POST YESTERDAY. THE STORIES, WHICH HAVE RACIST
OVERTONES, CLAIM THAT TERRY'S RESIGNATION AS ASSISTANT
SECRETARY WAS FORCED BECAUSE OF POLICY DISAGREEMENTS.
ROVIRA SAID THE STORIES WERE REGRETTABLE, THAT OUR
CONCERN WAS JUSTIFIED, AND THAT HE WOULD REPORT OUR
MESSAGE PROMPTLY TO MADRID. (THE SPANIARDS GRANTED
AGREEMENT TO TERRY SEVERAL DAYS AGO.) CHRISTOPHER

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